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Rapporteur: Lyudmila BOZHKOVA (Bulgaria)

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ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Working Group met at United Nations Headquarters from 10 to 14 January 1994, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1993/234 of 27 July 1993. The Working Group held _____ meetings (1st to _____) and a number of informal meetings as an open-ended Committee of the Whole.

2. The session was opened by the Secretary-General of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of 37 States members of the Commission on the Status of Women. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex I to the present report.

C. Election of officers

4. At the 1st and 2nd meetings, on 10 January, the Working Group elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Djénébou Kaba (Côte d'Ivoire)

Vice-Chairmen: Patricia B. Licuanan (Philippines)
Olga Pellicer (Mexico)
Joke Swiebel (Netherlands)

Rapporteur: Lyudmila Bozhkova (Bulgaria)

D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At the 1st meeting, on 10 January, the Working Group adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document E/CN.6/WG/1994/1, which read as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Structure of the draft Platform for Action.

4. Adoption of the report of the Inter-sessional Working Group.

6. Also at the 1st meeting, the Working Group appointed the Vice-Chairman of the Group, Olga Pellicer (Mexico), coordinator for consultations on the draft Platform for Action.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Working Group are listed in annex II to the present report.

F. Consultations with non-governmental organizations

8. Written statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/5975/Rev.1) are listed in annex II to the present report.

Annex I

ATTENDANCE

Members*

Algeria:	Hocine Sahraoui
Australia:	Richard Butler, Anastasia Carayanides, Martin Sharp, Anne Moores, Kathy Wong
Austria:	
Bahamas:	A. Missouri Sherman-Peter, Sharon Brennen-Haylock
Bangladesh:	Jamil Majid, Mohammad Sirajuddin Ahmed, Ismat Jahan
Belarus:	
Bulgaria:	Lyudmila Bozhkova
Chile:	
China:	Wang Shuxian, Feng Cui, Du Yong, Zou XiaoQiao, Meng Xianying, Chen Wangxia, Huang Shu
Costa Rica:	Emilia C. de Barish
Côte d'Ivoire:	Djénébou Kaba
Cuba:	Yolanda Ferrer, Rita Perreira
Cyprus:	Erato K. Markoullis
Ecuador:	Javier Ponce, José Rosenberg
Finland:	Tuulikki Petäjäniemi, Sinikka Antila, Raili Lahnalampi
France:	Claire Aubin, Caroline Mechin, Pascal Maubert, Christina Vasak
Guinea:	Moussokoro Sangare

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* Colombia, Guinea-Bissau, Italy, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Rwanda, Zaire and Zambia were not represented at the session.

India:	Lata Singh, T. P. Sreenivasan, S. K. Guha, M. Manimekalai
Iran (Islamic Republic of):	
Japan:	Makiko Sakai, Mitsuko Horiuchi, Jiro Usui, Harumi Katsumata
Madagascar:	Mireille Rajaonson, Reine Raoelina
Malaysia:	
Mexico:	Olga Pellicer, Yanerit Morgan, Ana María Martínez
Namibia:	Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Tonata Emvula, Nora Schimming-Chase, N. Shivute, Selma Ashipala, N. A. Nghifindaka
Netherlands:	Joke Swiebel, Barend van der Heijden, Bernadette Dougle, Louise de Bode-Olten, Désirée Bonis, Anne Offermans,
Pakistan:	Sher Afgan Khan, Masood Khan, Tehmina Janjua
Peru:	Fernando Guillén, Jorge Lázaro
Philippines:	Patricia B. Licuanan, Narcisa L. Escaler, Linglingay F. Lacanlale, Imelda M. Nicolas, Ruth S. Limjuco
Republic of Korea:	Yeong Hyeon Lee, In Soon Yang, In Ja Hwang, Ji Ah Paik, Gi Dong Choi
Russian Federation:	Mikhail Lebedev, Ivan Khryskov
Slovakia:	Mária Kociánová, Miroslav Sedlák
Spain:	María José Montero
Sudan:	Mariam Osman Sir ElKhatim, Omer Mohamed Ahmed Siddig
Thailand:	Saisuree Chutikul, Sriwatana Chulajata, Vitavas Srivihok
Tunisia:	Slaheddine Abdellah, Holla Bach Tobji
United States of America:	
Venezuela:	Evangelina García-Prince, María Inés Fonseca

States Members of the United Nations represented by observers

Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Malawi, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Suriname, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe

Non-member States represented by observers

Holy See, Switzerland

Specialized agencies

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Bank

Intergovernmental organization represented by an observer

Commission of the European Communities

Non-governmental organizations

Category I: International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

Category II: Disabled Peoples' International

Housewives in Dialogue

National Council of German Women's Organizations - Federal Union of Women's Organizations and Women's Groups of German Associations E.V.

World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations

Other: Women's Environment and Development Organization

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE WORKING GROUP

Document symbol	Agenda item	Title or description
E/CN.6/WG/1994/1	2	Provisional agenda
E/CN.6/WG/1994/2	2	List of non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation
E/CN.6/WG/1994/L.1	4	Draft report of the Working Group
E/CN.6/WG/1994/CRP.1	3	Draft Outline for the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women
E/CN.6/WG/1994/NGO/1	3	Statement submitted by the National Council of German Women's Organizations - Federal Union of Women's Organizations and Women's Groups of German Associations E.V., a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II

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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

The session was opened by the Secretary-General of the Fourth World Conference on Women. In her introductory statement, she recalled that the Commission on the Status of Women had recommended that an inter-sessional working group should be convened in early January 1994 in order to have more time to further develop the Platform for Action that was expected to be the major outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995. She introduced an informal conference room paper on the Platform for Action. That paper took into consideration the structure and main features proposed by the Commission at its thirty-seventh session. She stated that the Platform should contain a limited number of priority areas of concern and action for which Governments and civil society should be accountable, as well as a time-frame for its implementation to the year 2000, in keeping with the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies. The paper also took into account the fact that the Platform should address the need to achieve more balance in the roles and relationships of men and women rather than focusing on women as a separate group. She then referred to the individual sections of the conference room paper and concluded by stating that the Platform for Action should emerge as a commitment on the part of the women and men of the world to work together in unity to change the status quo in which women experienced inequality because of their gender.

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